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## **REMARKS**

### **Status of Claims**

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 10-13 and 25-28 have been indicated as allowable. By this amendment, claims 1 and 16 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 10 and 25. Claims 10 and 25 have been canceled.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

### **Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-3, 14-18, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 3,096,033.

As indicated above, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to contain the allowable subject matter of either claims 10 or claim 25 (canceled herein). Claims 2-3, 14-18 and 29-30 ultimately depend from either newly amended claim 1 or claim 16. As such, these dependent claims are deemed to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the 102(b) rejection of claims 1-3, 14-18, 29 and 30 be withdrawn.

### **Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 4-9 and 19-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 3,096,033.

As indicated above, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16 to contain the allowable subject matter of either claims 10 or claim 25 (canceled herein). Claims 4-9 and 19-24 ultimately depend from either newly amended claim 1 or claim 16. As such, these dependent claims are deemed to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the 103(a) rejection of claims 4-9 and 19-24 be withdrawn.

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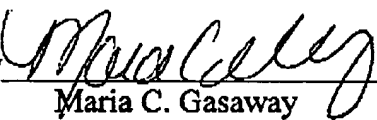
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-9, 11-24 and 26-30 are in condition or allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent at (740) 321-7213 if any unresolved matters remain.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the number listed below.

Applicants authorize any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account 50-0568.

Respectfully submitted,  
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